

BIPARTISAN SUPPORT FOR IMPROVING U.S. ELECTIONS

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded a hearing to examine bipartisan support for improving United States elections, focusing on an overview from the Presidential Commission on Election Administration, after receiving testimony from Robert F. Bauer, and Benjamin L. Ginsberg, both a Co-Chair, Presidential Commission on Election Administration.

SENIOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a joint hearing with the Special Committee on Aging to examine the challenges and advantages of senior entrepreneurship, after receiving

testimony from Tameka Montgomery, Associate Administrator for Entrepreneurial Development, Small Business Administration; Kenneth Yancey, SCORE, Herndon, Virginia; Conchy Bretos, MIA Senior Living Solutions, Miami, Florida; and Elizabeth Isele, SeniorEntrepreneurshipWorks.org, Amissville, Virginia.

NOMINATION

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Maria Contreras-Sweet, of California, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Feinstein, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 2 p.m. on Friday, February 14, 2014 in pro forma session.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 13, 2014**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robert O. Work, to be Deputy Secretary, and Michael J. McCord, of Ohio, to be Under Secretary (Comptroller), both of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine enhancing our rail safety, focusing on current challenges for passenger and freight rail, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider the nominations of Rhea Sun Suh, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife, and Janice Marion Schneider, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, both of the Department of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Joseph William Westphal, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Douglas Alan Silliman, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the State of Kuwait, Matthew H. Tueller, of Utah, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Yemen, and Mark Gilbert, of Florida, to be Ambassador to New Zealand, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Independent State of Samoa, all of the Department of State, 2 p.m., SD-419.

House

No hearings are scheduled.